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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Staff, TDS, NPIC

SUBJECT: Cut Film Processor

REFERENCE: Project NP-R-7/10078

1. Since the [ ] seems to have met a dead-end in direct application to the cut-sheet film and paper processing problem, I feel it is time to re-investigate other equipments and company capabilities in the field.

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2. In a trip report I made on 7 February 1966 concerning a visit [ ] I noted that they were then developing a self-threading, automatic film/paper processor for black-and-white materials (up to 9½"). This straight-through processor required only water and power. The device used internal, bottle-type chemical replenishment and took only about 10 minutes cleaning time after a day's use. At the time, it used liquid gates and could handle straight-through processing of about 10' lengths. A dried reproduction took about 2½ minutes. I also reported that they were proposing to add modules for color as soon as they could obtain the chemistry to reduce the processing time for color from about 12 minutes down to around 6 minutes.

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3. I asked [ ] what the present capability and equipment posture of the company was in the area of cut-sheet processing. He informed me verbally that:

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a. [ ] who has been manufacturing and marketing a large number of commercial cut-sheet processors.

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b. [ ] has also developed a number of these machines.

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c. Between the two company capabilities, they now have equipments on the shelf to handle cut-sheet film and paper up to 48" in width.

d. His estimate of cost on their best cut-sheet film/paper processor for black-and-white [ ] with all possible extras.

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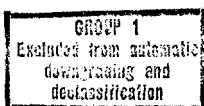
e. He agreed to send me the technical data and price list on all this type of equipment.

f. He thought several types were already listed in an approved Government purchase catalog.

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4. I will forward the [ ] data to you as soon as received, unless you already have copies.

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5. I feel sure [ ] has learned something from the [ ] and other companies must also be considered in the proposed development.

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6. I recommend that any RFP for the subject processor not be sole-source [ ] and that we make sure that commercial equipment is not already available before this item is presented to COMIREX.

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[ ]  
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